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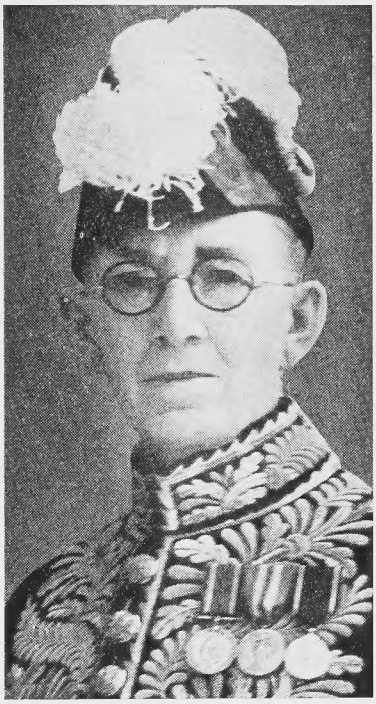


THE CORONATION of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on the Twelfth of May is an event of unprecedented significance. It is therefore fitting that Imperial Veterans in Alberta, should avail themselves of the opportunity of joining with their comrades in all parts of the Empire, in loyal expressions of devotion to the Throne and person of Their Majesties.

There is a tie of comradeship that binds the hearts of all Veterans, whether they served in the British or Canadian Expeditionary Force, to the person of His Majesty. His service in the cause which we believe was that of justice and freedom is a source of great pride to all and especially to those who gave unstinted service to the Empire.

The most effective way in which to celebrate the Coronnation of the new King, is for each of us in our own mind, to dedicate ones self anew to the cause of personal and National freedom. There is a need today for steadfast loyalty to the institutions of our democratic civilization.

Let me heartily greet my comrades of the Imperial Veterans, on this occasion of the Coronation. The accession to the Throne of Great Britain symbolizes for us the ideals of Empire, to which we declare our unfaltering allegiance.

J. C. BOWEN,
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta.

THE CORONATION OF OUR KING AND QUEEN

The Ritual and Significance of the Service, By Michael MacDonagh

ON a morning in May, most propitious of months, the old State Coach, with its painted panels, wide windows, and surmounting Crown—drawn by its team of eight Windsor Greys, two by two with postilions—will emerge from Buckingham Palace. King George VI will be on his way to Westminster Abbey for his Hallowing, accompanied by the Queen Consort, Elizabeth, who is also to be crowned.

In the Abbey

The new King will have gone to the Abbey for his Crowning because the Abbey is the temple and shrine of English history. It has many memories associated with the British Monarchy. Thirty-seven Sovereigns have been crowned there, and twenty-five Queens Consort—all the Kings and Queens, in fact, since William the Conqueror. It is also the burial-place of eighteen Sovereigns (George II being the last) and fourteen Queens. Edward the Confessor, who began the erection of the Abbey in 1050, rests there. His shrine stands in the centre of the group of royal chapels behind the High Altar. The association of Edwards with the Abbey is remarkable. The Coronation Chair—officially called King Edward's Chair—is preserved in the Confessor's Chapel. The Sovereign is crowned with St. Edward's Crown. Among the Coronation regalia is also St. Edward's Staff.

Their Majesties will be received in a temporary ante-room by dignitaries, ecclesiastical and lay— Archbishops and Bishops, great Officers of State, all in the robes or uniforms of their offices, marshalled by the Heralds of the College of Arms, headed by the Earl Marshall. They will precede the King and Queen up the Nave to the place where the Coronation is to take place. This is a slightly raised platform, called "The Theatre," extending from the choir stalls to the Sanctuary, or Sacrarium, in which the High Altar stands, and transversely between the North and South Transepts, which are better known respectively as Statesmen's Aisle and Poets' Corner. On this platform will be two Chairs of Estate and faldstools for their Majesties' use during the Service, and, in the centre, an elevated Throne, led up to by a few steps, in which his Majesty will be Enthroned after his Crowning. The ancient Chair of Coronation will stand close to the Altar, very conspicuous for its plainness in the midst of much glitter and color.

The Abbey will be crowded; and the assembly most representative of the community. The members of the Royal Family will be in a box to the right of the platform. The Peers will be in the South Transept and the Peeresses in the North Transept. Ministers of the Government and leading Members of the Opposition in the House of Commons will also be seen in the Transepts. On each side of the platform will be groups of Bishops and Peers taking part in the Service. The principal celebrants will be the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Westminster, assisted by the chief Officers of State, the Earl Marshal, Lord Great Chamberlain, and Lord Chancellor. Near the platform will be seen the Prime Minister, seated by himself. It was there that Mr. Asquith sat, in the uniform of the Elder Brethren of Trinity House, at the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary. The Nave and aisles will be filled with the Judges of the High Court, Ambassadors and Ministers of foreign Powers, Princes of India and the Premiers of the Dominions, and by more Peers and their ladies.

Specially erected galleries will be on all sides, except over the royal chapels. Here will be the Members of the House of Commons, given the option of wearing morning dress, as are the representatives of Trade Unions and Friendly Societies, who, for the first time, were invited to the Coronation of Edward VII. With them will be the chairmen of County Councils, and Mayors and Aldermen in their robes. All men will be expected to go in Court or Levee dress, or in such uniforms as they are entitled to wear. Ladies not of the Peerage will be restricted to Court dress without trains. Altogether, some thousands of men and women will attend the Service—an enormous assembly representative of all classes and

callings. Taking in the scene as a whole, it will be like a vast living jewelled cross, formed of the Nave, the arms of the Transepts and the Sanctuary and Altar—the last glimmering in the grey mist of the Abbey with subdued color.

The Meaning of the Service

There is no ceremony for the exaltation of man to high office that surpasses the Crowning of the King in solemnity and splendour of ritual. Many changes have been made in the constitutional form of the British Monarchy—some in the tumult of revolutions; some in the silent lapse of events—so as to fit it into the ever-advancing democratic system of government; but the Monarch's rites of initiation are in form, and in spirit certainly, the same today as they were when Edward the Confessor and William the Conqueror were crowned, when the Kingship was regarded as sacrosanct and absolute—denoting the possession by the King personally of supreme dominion, authority, and rule. The Service is mystical as well as symbolical. Part of it goes back to the ages of the Kings of Israel.

The Coronation is now what it has always been—essentially a religious ceremonial. It is conducted by the highest ecclesiastical dignitaries. The Officers of State who assist at it are but servers or acolytes to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Westminster Abbey as celebrants. It is the finest, perhaps the only, mediaeval pageantry of patriotism, transfused with religion, that is extant in the twentieth century; and there runs through all its magnificence a recognition that the King is still a man, with personal feelings, opinions, and predilections, and subject to the common weaknesses of humanity—its tempers, whims, caprices. Therefore, there are professions of humility on his part and prayers to God to afford him light and guidance. Above all, there is an insistence that he must bind himself by oath to his duty and responsibility to govern the people according to the laws of the land, and to execute justice with mercy.

The Coronation, in brief, is of the nature of a solemn covenant between the King and his people—of devotion to their well-being on his part, and, in return, of loyalty and affection on theirs. This assertion of the truth that Kingship must be founded on order and law is brought out and emphasised at every exalted moment of the elaborate Service.

The Recognition

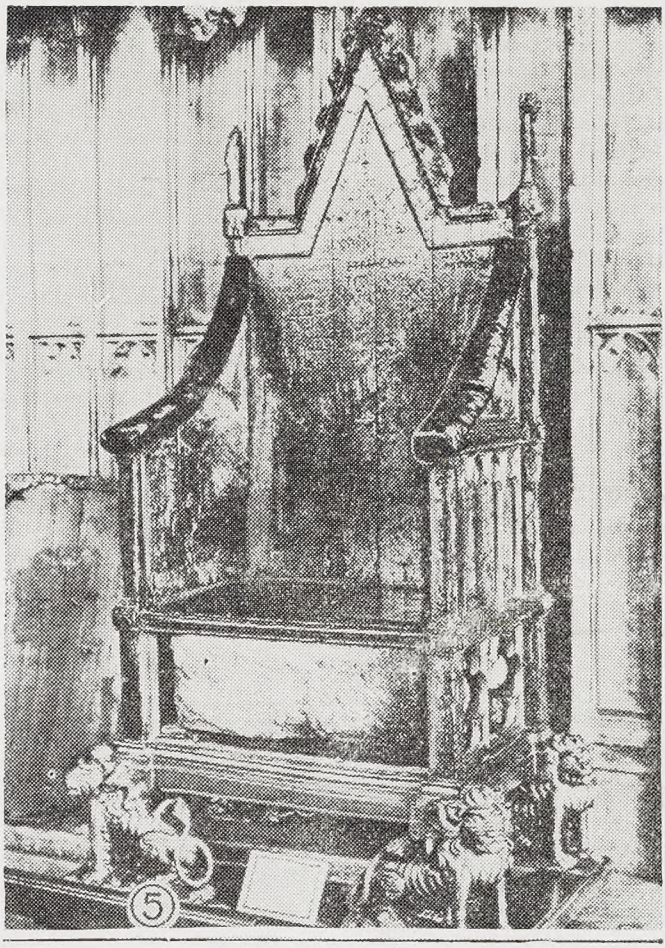
The first part of the Service represents a survival of the ancient principle of popular election to the Throne. It is called the Recognition. The King takes off his Cap of Estate and stands prominently beside his Chair of Estate, facing the assembly. The Archbishop of Canterbury, vested in an ornate cope and accompanied by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl Marshal, and Garter King of Arms (all in their respective robes), goes to each side of the Theatre, and addressing the assembly in a loud voice says, in this instance: "I here present unto you George, the Undoubted King of this Realm: Wherefore all you who are come this day to do your homage and service, are ye willing to do the same?" In answer there will come a tremendous shout, "God save King George!" led by the shrill voices of the King's scholars of Westminster School, who for many generations have thus played the part of the crowd at a mediaeval Coronation. Four times this is done, to the north, to the south, to the east, and to the west—the Archbishop presenting the King, the King turning and showing himself to the people. And the people, with one voice, will cry out four times, "God save King George!" and all amid a flourish of trumpets and beating of drums.

The next great moment is the taking of the Oath, binding the King to govern in accordance with established laws and customs of the Realm. The terms of the Oath were settled at the Revolution of 1688, and have been slightly altered from time to time since then; but, in substance, it is the same Oath which Saxon and Norman Kings, Plantagenets, Tudors, and Stuarts took, to hold by the ancient customs and to conform to the new laws.

The Oath

The Archbishop of Canterbury, standing before the King, who is now seated, addresses him thus: "Sir, is your Majesty willing to take the Oath?" The King answers in a loud voice, "I am willing." The Archbishop then puts the following questions to the King, whose replies are made from a book which his Majesty holds in his hands.

Archbishop: Will you solemnly promise and swear to govern the People of this United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Dominions thereto belonging, according to the Statutes in Parliament agreed on, and the respective Laws and Customs of the Same?



The Coronation Chair

KING: I solemnly promise so to do.

ARCHBISHOP: Will you to your power, cause Law and Justice, in Mercy, to be executed in all your Judgments?

KING: I will.

ARCHBISHOP: Will you, to the utmost of your power, maintain the Laws of God, the true Profession of the Gospel, and the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? And will you maintain and preserve inviolably the Settlement of the Church of England and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England? And will you preserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England and to the Churches there committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges as by Law do or shall appertain to them, or any of them?

KING: All this I promise to do.

His Majesty then rises out of his chair and goes bareheaded to the Altar, where, laying his hand on the holy Gospel in the open Bible, he says—

"The things which I have here before promised, I will perform, and keep. So help me God." He kisses the Book and signs a copy of the Oath, which is written in vellum. This, attached to a State document called the Coronation Roll, is deposited among the Records in the Court of Chancery.

THE CORONATION CHAIR

Having thus solemnly sworn to fulfil his bond, the King is Anointed and Crowned as a constitutional Sovereign—consecrated, as Head of the State, to the service of his people. For, as no one recognises more than he, they are his "people," giving him free and untrammelled allegiance, not his

"subjects," a word that implies enforced obedience. This is the central and most solemn part of the Service, and for it his Majesty sits in the Coronation Chair, within the Sanctuary and near to the Altar.

Who that has seen this venerable and time-worn wooden Chair in the place where it is kept, the Chapel of the Confessor, behind the Altar, has not wondered, and also indulgently smiled, at the manifestation which its condition affords of a curious side of the national character? The front of the Chair, made though it is of hard and solid oak, is scratched all over with names and initials. What self-assertion! What a craving for immortality by associating oneself, if only by one's initials, with an enduring memorial! But that intention has been frustrated, for the names and initials are so numerous that it is impossible to decipher any of them. And also, what a proof of the absence of any proper guardianship of this hallowed Chair during the eighteenth century, when, it is believed, this disfiguration chiefly took place.

Under the seat of the Chair, resting on a bottom board, is a rough lump of stone, over two feet long, sixteen inches in breadth, and about ten inches in thickness, of a sandy granular formation. It is the Coronation Stone of the ancient Scottish Kings, which was preserved in the Augustinian Abbey of Scone—a village in Perthshire, on the River Tay—until it was carried off by that warrior and statesman, Edward I.

All the Kings and Queens since Edward I were crowned in this Chair—beginning with Edward II in February, 1308—save Mary I and Mary II. Even Cromwell, when he was installed as Lord Protector in Westminster Hall, had the Chair brought from the Abbey for the ceremony, and was placed in it, in imitation of the enthronement of a King. The Stone is the "Stone of Destiny" indeed.

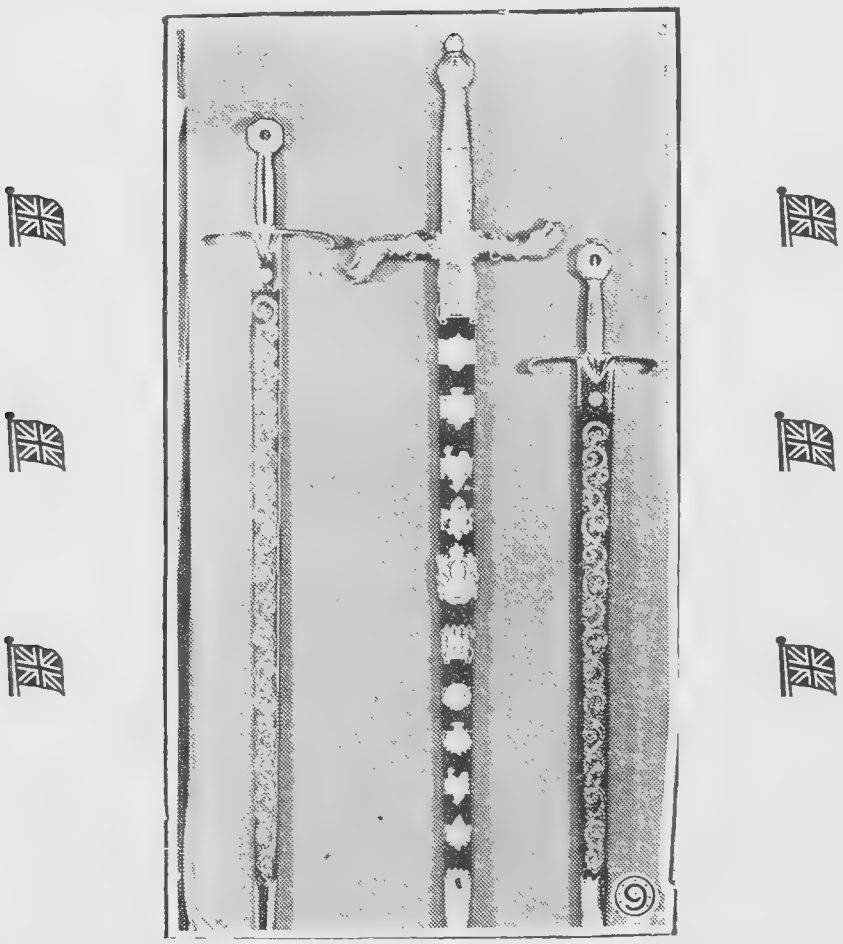
The ampulla and spoon which are used in the anointing of the King by the Archbishop of Canterbury in one of the most important rites of the coronation. The ampulla is used as a receptacle for holy oil and the spoon is used in the anointing.

THE ANOINTING AND THE CROWNING

The King sits in this Coronation Chair while he is being Anointed preparatory to the Crowning. He has taken off his Robe, its Cape of ermine, and his Cap of Estate. Thus disrobed, his Majesty appears wearing a satin under-robe which reaches to his knee. During the Anointing he is concealed from view by a pall of gold and silver brocade with golden tassels which is raised into a canopy and held over him by four Peers who are Knights of the Garter. The Dean of Westminster pours the Holy Oil into a golden spoon, and into this the Archbishop of Canterbury dips his fingers three times as he anoints the King by making the sign of the Cross on head, bared breast, and palms of both hands.

Next, the King is vested by the Dean of Westminster with the Colobium Sindonis, a white cambric garment resembling a sleeveless surplice, and over this with the Supertunica, a loose coat of rich cloth-of-gold tissue ornamented with gold flowers. Thus attired, the King is equipped with those symbols of his power, the Spurs and the Sword. The Lord Great Chamberlain receives the Spurs from the Dean of Westminster and touches his Majesty's heels with them. He then girds the Sword, brought from the Altar, about the King.

And so to the last rite of the King's Hallowing—setting him apart and dedicating him to high and noble purposes. This is the putting on of the Crown. For this his Majesty is further robed. He is vested by the Dean of Westminster with the Imperial Mantle, or Dalmatic robe, of rich gold and purple brocaded tissue. He is still seated in King Edward's Chair when

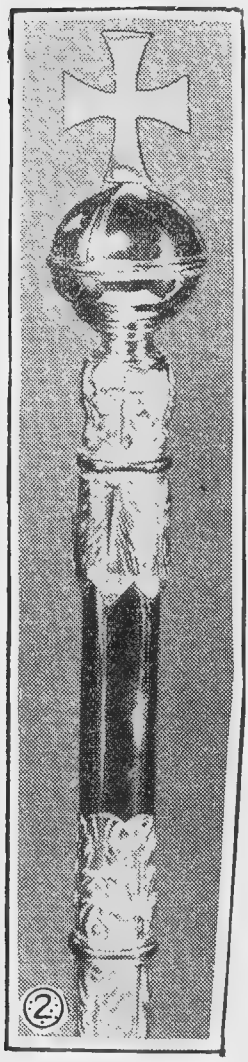


The three state swords. The sword of state (centre) has a scabbard decorated with designs of the rose, the thistle and shamrock in jewels. The other two are the sword of justice to the spirituality and the sword of justice to the temporality.

the Ring is put on the fourth finger of the King's right hand by the Archbishop. The Orb—a ball of gold set with jewels round its centre and surmounted by a jewelled cross—is then placed in the King's hands and his Majesty is bidden by the Archbishop to remember that the Orb and Cross indicate that the whole world is subject to the Power and Empire of Christ the Redeemer. The last symbols of office presented to the King are the two gold Sceptres. The Sceptre with the Cross, ensign of kingly power and justice, is placed in his right hand; and in his left the Sceptre with the Dove, ensign of equity and mercy. These he holds during the Crowning.

THE PUTTING ON OF THE CROWN

The Archbishop is next seen at the Altar, consecrating the Crown of England. Known as St. Edward's Crown, it is the official Crown of England, and, therefore, the supreme symbol of the Monarchy. Alfred the Great is said to have been the first English King to wear a Crown. This Crown was inherited by Edward the Confessor: it was named after him. Each King down to Charles I had it placed on his head at his Coronation. It was destroyed, with four other Crowns, during the Commonwealth. At the Restoration, a new Crown was made for the Coronation of Charles II in 1661. It has been used at all subsequent Coronations. Being a replica of the old, it is also called St. Edward's Crown. The King of England, desirous of God's blessing, has almost always been



2. The sceptre used by the King in usual ceremonies of state.

4. The royal sceptre, bearing in its head the magnificent Great Star of Africa, cut from the Cullinan diamond, which is used during the coronation ceremonies being presented to the King by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

crowned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, as God's Minister.

> "O God, the Crown of the faithful," the Archbishop will pray, "bless, we beseech Thee, and sanctify this thy servant George our King; and as Thou dost this day set a Crown of pure gold upon his head, so enrich his royal heart with Thine abundant grace, and crown him with all princely virtues, through the King Eternal, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

As he prays, the Archbishop poises the Crown for a few moments above the King, who is sitting in the Coronation Chair, and then slowly and most reverently places it on his Majesty's head.

This is the dramatic moment to which all the varied incidents of the Ritual harmoniously lead. It will be marked by a sudden and brilliant illumination. The electric lights will be switched on. The jewels of the Crown will flash into a sudden flame. A wave of gold iridescence will pass over the crowd of Peers as they put on their coronets. The Peeresses remain bareheaded until the crowning of the Queen Consort. The great assembly will thrill to a profound feeling and burst into the Acclamation, in which thousands of voices will be combined, of "God save the King, Long live the King!" to an accompanying fanfare of trumpets and drums.

When the Acclamation ceases, the Archbishop pronounces an exhortation; and the Choir then sing the anthem, "The King shall rejoice in Thy strength."

The Homage

But the Service is not yet over. A part that is equally thrilling is now to come. This is called the Homage. The Crowning takes place in front of the Altar. The King, arrayed in all the emblems of sovereignty, robed and crowned, now returns to the "Theatre" and stands by the Throne, consisting of a Chair of State raised on steps. Them comes the Inthronization. His Majesty is lifted into the Chair by the Archbishops, Bishops, and the secular Officers of State. The Homage follows, and is sealed by the Kiss of Fealty. The first to render it is the Archbishop of Canterbury, on behalf of the Lords Spiritual. He kneels at his Majesty's feet—all the other Bishops kneeling in their places—touches the Crown on the King's head, and kisses the King's left cheek, thus testifying to the truth of what he says that he and his Estate of the Realm "will be faithful and true and faith and truth will bear" to his Majesty.

The Homage of the Princes of the Blood is next rendered in like manner. On the forthcoming occasion, the Duke of Gloucester, as the elder brother next to the King, kneeling, will say to the King in quaint words a thousand years old—"I, Henry, Duke of Gloucester, do become your liege man of life and limb, and of earthly worship; and faith and truth I will bear unto you, to live and die, against all manner of folks. So help me God." Then, rising to his feet, the Duke will touch the King's Crown and kiss his Majesty on the left cheek. The Peers in the order of their degree, Dukes, Marquesses, Earls, Viscounts, Barons, will next kneel in their places, and the premier noble of each degree will come in his turn to the Throne, and on his knees do Homage for his fellows, declaring them to be the King's liege men of life and limb.

Here it may be observed that Homage is rendered only by two of the three Estates of the Realm—the Lords Spiritual and Temporal. The Commons have no part in it. When the Service of Coronation was composed, "the People" had practically no political existence.

The elemental emotions of mankind, which a King shares with the humblest of his people—that touch of nature which makes us all kin—will out, even as the King sits with Crown upon his head, in Westminster Abbey, on the greatest day of all his days. The most moving episode at the Coronation of King Edward VII had no place in the official form and order of the Service. The Prince of Wales (afterwards King George V) did Homage by taking off his coronet and, kneeling before the King, declared in the ancient form that he was his Majesty's liege man of life and limb. As the Prince was about to turn away after kissing the King, his Majesty took hold of his robe to detain him. They were no longer King and liege man, but father and son. The father placed his left hand on his son's shoulder, still holding his robe with his right, and drawing him towards him, kissed him affectionately on each cheek. Then, taking his son's hand in his own, the father gripped it warmly. This manifestation of paternal emotion

illuminated the Service, in the sight of the great assembly, as with a sudden glory. And so it was repeated at the Crowning of King George V. When King Edward VIII, as Prince of Wales, gave his father the Kiss of Fealty, King George likewise returned the kiss of fondness and pressed his son's hand.

Just before he pays Fealty, the Archbishop, addressing the King, says: "Stand firm and hold fast from henceforth the Seat and State of Royal and Imperial Dignity which is this day delivered unto you in the Name and by the authority of Almighty God." And so ends the great Ceremonial of the Crowning of the King.

The Crowning of the Queen Consort

The Queen Consort sits in her Chair of State in Westminster Abbey during the long ritual of the Anointing and Crowning of the King. At its completion her turn comes to be Anointed and Crowned. The ceremony is much briefer, but not less impressive in its symbolism of the Queen Consort's high dignity.

When the Queen is the reigning Sovereign the ceremony is the same as in the case of a King. She is endowed, of course, with all the prerogatives of the Sovereignty. A Queen Consort is crowned by command of the King, and not, of necessity, by the will of the people, as he himself is crowned. Some of the country's Queens Consort were not crowned. The first of the six wives of Henry VIII, Katherine of Aragon, was crowned with him. Anne Boleyn, his second wife, was crowned alone. Henry's other four wives were not so honored. Nor were the Consorts of Charles I and Charles II. Charles I desired that his wife, Henrietta Maria, should be crowned with him, but she declined. So strictly Roman Catholic was she that she held she could not be properly crowned by Protestant prelates. Charles II was crowned before his marriage to Catherine of Braganza (also a Roman Catholic) in order to avoid, it was said, being troubled like his father.

The Queen Consort is the First Lady of the Land; but she does not share in the Sovereignty. She is not the King's equal, but his subject. She can be sued, as well as she herself can sue, at Common Law. She is amenable even to criminal process. Should she have to appear in a Court of Law, she has her own Attorney-General and Solicitor-General. She has her own Household, consisting of a Lord Chamberlain; a Mistress of the Robes; Ladies of the Bed-Chamber, all Peeresses; Maids of Honor, usually daughters of the Nobility; a Treasurer; a Private Secretary; and an Accountant.

In regard to the Queen Consort's life and person, it is enacted by a Statute, passed in the reign of Edward III, that it is equally treason "to compass or imagine the death of our Lady, the King's companion, as of the King himself."

A very ancient perquisite of the Queen Consort is that, on the taking of a whale, which is a royal fish, on the coasts, it shall be divided between the King and Queen, the head being the King's property and the tail the Queen's. The body of the whale goes to its captors. According to ancient records, the Queen was given the tail for the furnishing of her wardrobe with whalebone; but it has been pointed out in recent times that the whalebone used in a lady's dress grows not in the tail of the whale, but in its head!

In the Abbey

In the Abbey the Queen Consort's procession precedes the King's. At its head are three Heralds in their tabards. Then comes three Peers bearing her Majesty's regalia—the Crown, the Sceptre, the Ivory Rod. These they are to place on the Altar until the time comes for their use. The Queen's train, usually of great length, is borne by six boys of rank, dressed in scarlet with knots of white silk tied upon the right arm. Her Majesty is supported on either hand by two Bishops, wearing their copes. She is followed by the Mistress of the Robes, accompanied by the Ladies of the Bed-Chamber, the Ladies-in-Waiting, and the Maids of Honor. At each side of the procession there is a file of Gentlemen-at-Arms in scarlet with plumed hats.

As the Queen proceeds slowly up the Church, the Westminster boys in the triforium up aloft will greet her with shrill cries of "Vivat Regina Elizabeth." When she reaches her Chair of State on the Platform, she will kneel for a few moments at the faldstool before taking her seat. The two Bishops will stand by her on either side.

King George VI will sit on his Throne on the "Theatre," in the full regalia of his completed crowning, during the Coronation of his Consort. At the appointed time, Queen Elizabeth will rise from her Chair of State and go to the Altar, still supported by the two Bishops and attended by her ladies

THE QUEEN'S CROWN

The crown which Her Majesty the Queen will wear at the coronation has been specially designed, and although the design is conventional, it is the first to be entirely mounted on platinum. The foundation of the crown is a circlet first made for Queen Victoria and often worn by Queen Alexandra and Queen Mary. The most notable individual gems are the Koh-i-Noor diamond and a diamond given to Queen Victoria from the Lahore treasury by the East India Company.

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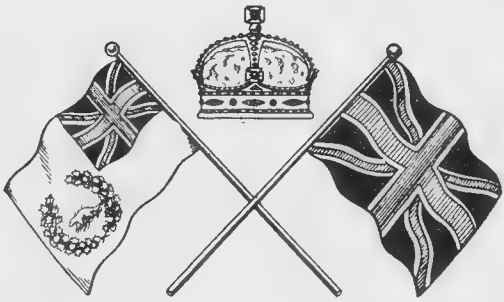

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and the young pages in scarlet and white. The plain narrative of the ceremony best brings out its symbolism and significance.

The Prayer of Consecration

At the Altar, her Majesty kneels while the Archbishop of York says the Prayer of Consecration.

The Anointing and the Crowning

The Queen then goes to a faldstool, set before the Altar, for her Anointing and Crowning. She kneels there while four Duchesses hold a pall, or canopy, of cloth of gold, over her, just as the four Knights of the Garter held a canopy over the King at his Anointing. The Archbishop pours the consecrated oil upon her head, saying: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Let the Anointing with this Oil increase your honor, and the grace of God's Holy Spirit establish you for ever and ever. Amen."

The Archbishop, having next put the Ruby Ring on the fourth finger of the Queen's hand, takes the Crown from the Altar and reverently places it on her head, saying:

> "Receive the Crown of glory, honor, and joy; and God, the Crown of the Faithful, who by our Episcopal hands (though unworthy), doth this day set a crown of pure gold upon your head, enrich your royal heart with His abundant grace, and crown you with all princely virtues in this life, and with everlasting gladness in the life that is to come, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen."

The Enthroning of the Queen

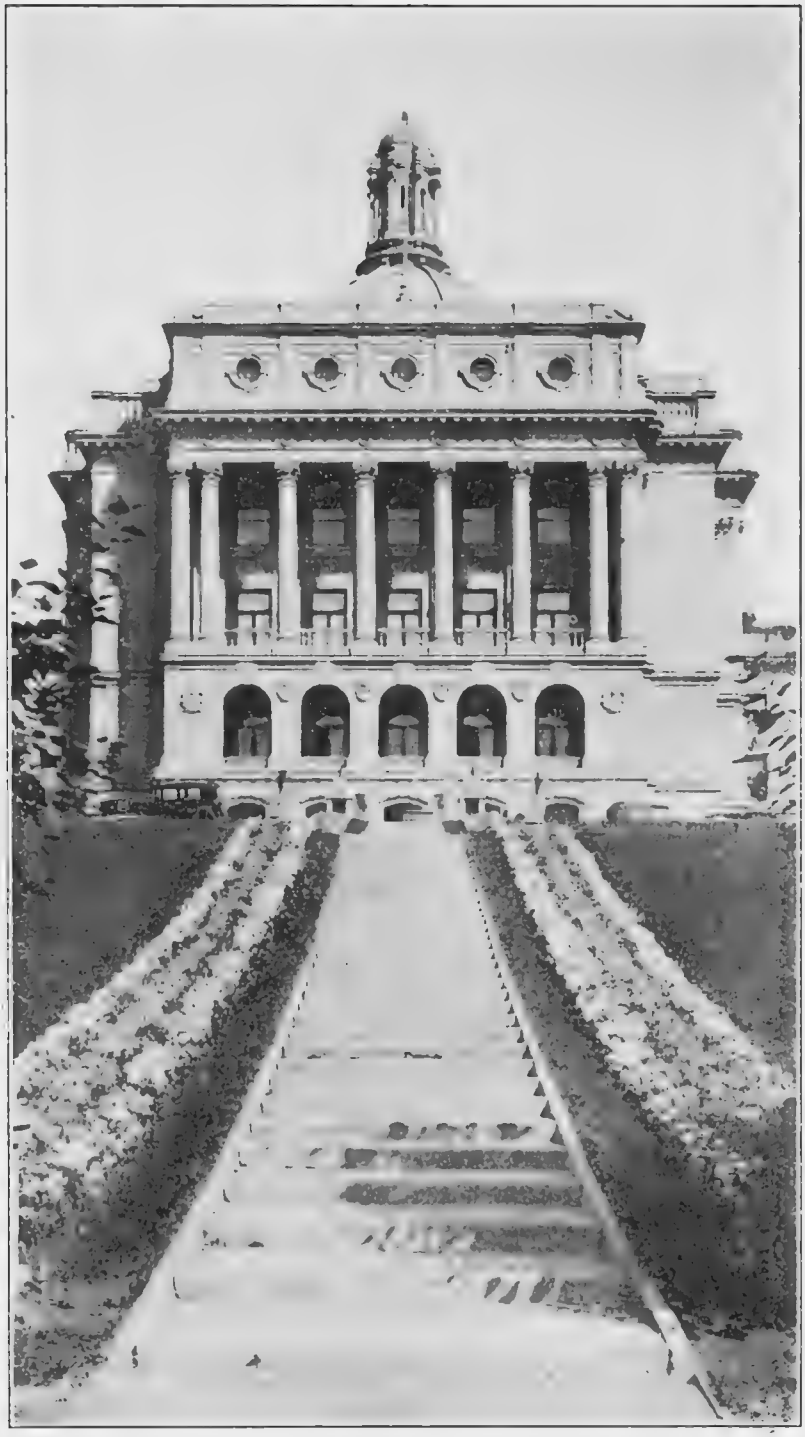
The next part of the ceremony is the endowment with the Sceptres. The Archbishop places the Sceptre with the Cross in her Majesty's right hand and the Ivory Rod with the Dove in her left. They are smaller than the King's Sceptres, which his Majesty holds as he sits on his Throne looking on at the Crowning of his Consort.

The Choir sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" as the Queen rises and, attended by the Mistress of the Robes, her ladies and her pages, moves to her Throne on the left of the King's. His Majesty rises to receive her, and, as she passes by, she bows low to him. Then she ascends her Throne, which, symbolically, is slightly lower than the King's. King and Consort thus sit side by side, throned, with their Crowns and Sceptres, and, when the Choir have finished the "Hallelujah Chorus," a shout of "God save the Queen!" resounds through the Abbey.

The Communion Service

The Communion Service follows. The King and Queen descend from their Thrones and go to the Altar, where they give up their Sceptres and take off their Crowns. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Westminster first Communicate. Then the Archbishop administers the Bread to their Majesties and the Dean of Westminster the Cup. After Communion the King and Queen put on their Crowns, take their Sceptres as before, and return to their Thrones. The Archbishop reads the rest of the Communion Service and pronounces the Blessing. Again the trumpets sound and the drums beat. The ceremony is completed.

The first to retire to St. Edward's Chapel for rest is the King. While their Majesties are in the Chapel the National Anthem is sung by the Choir and congregation. When their Majesties reappear the procession is ready to conduct them out of the Abbey. They are wearing Crowns—not those used in the Service—and are robed in purple and ermine. The King bears his Sceptre with the Cross and the Orb. The Queen bears her Sceptre with the Cross and the Ivory Rod with the Dove. They walk together to the West Door. And so they go forth to the people.



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ONE could find no more appropriate medium than this booklet through which to convey a Coronation message. The Imperial Veterans residing in Alberta form one of the many links in the chain of mutual understanding and goodwill by which this province is bound to the British Empire. The Coronation is an event in which every part of the Empire will participate with pride and rejoicing. It signifies the unity, freedom and integrity of British institutions which have been preserved throughout the decades and which the Imperial Veterans have fought to maintain.

We, in Alberta, are happy that, in addition to our respect for the Crown and all that it symbolizes, we hold in loyal devotion the persons of their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, together with the little princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose whose charm and loveliness we all adore.

Our new King has dedicated himself to the welfare of his peoples. For that we are indeed grateful. The promotion of that welfare, however, is a responsibility of every person engaged in the King's service, and in a very real way of every one of His Majesty's subjects. King George VI has come to the throne at a time when momentous problems of foreign and domestic significance require solution. These problems touch our province, and it is our duty to deal with them as best we can within the framework of our British institutions and in co-operation with other self-governing communities. We give our loyalty to the King and to the high ideal and unity of purpose which he represents. As a free people the attainment of that purpose rests with us.

My heartiest greetings are extended to the Imperial Veterans who, I hope, will live to enjoy many years of happiness under the reign of King George VI.

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A Message from His Worship the Mayor of Edmonton

Joseph A. Clarke, K.C.

I have much pleasure in complying with the request that I make some contribution to this special Coronation Magazine.

While I was prevented from serving overseas during the last War, I can safely say that nobody had the interests of the men who were fighting the battles of myself and the others who stayed here, more constantly in his mind than myself. The period between August, 1914, and November, 1918, brought to the knowledge of all humanity that the men of the British Empire were second to none in their fearless devotion to that which they conceived was their duty, and their privilege, during the trying hours they went through.

The people of Edmonton have always been amongst the foremost when the hour arrived to try and discharge in some small way their lasting obligation to further in every manner possible the good and welfare of those who sacrificed their lives, and of those dependent on them, and of those other unfortunates who found on their return that there seemed to be no niche in the aftermath of War into which they could fit themselves. Their plight, problems and the noble efforts they have made are never long out of the minds of their own organizations, and are receiving every sympathetic consideration of those who like myself are charged with the social service and public affairs of the people. In the hour when the physical strength and glorious manhood of the young men of Canada was all that stood between the life of Canada and the possibility of National death, they gave unstintingly of their best and carried on to the end, with no thought of self, or of the cost.

Within two years of the signing of the Armistice, the citizens of Edmonton gave to the returned soldiers the site of the present Memorial Hall, and by voluntary public subscription erected thereon a hall which stands forever in memory of the sacrifices of the returned soldiers and of those who did not return. Annually on Remembrance Day this hall is packed to overflowing and a simple, reverent and impressive Memorial Service is held for all who can crowd into the hall and loud speakers carry the message to many more on the grounds surrounding the hall.

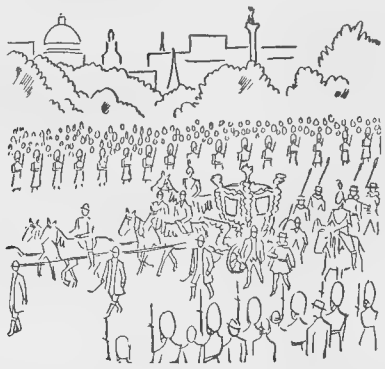
And just recently it was my pleasure to be present and take part in the ceremonies attendant on the unveiling of the Cenotaph which stands on the Hill overlooking the Saskatchewan River, on 102nd Street.

By these manifestations, those who went through the horrors of the War can be assured that they will ever receive grateful consideration from the City of Edmonton and its people.

In the course of the next month England, as the site of the Coronation, and all the nations which form the British Commonwealth of Nations, will be celebrating the Coronation of our young King, who is well fitted by training and personality to carry on the glorious traditions and institutions which have brought the British Empire to its present position at the forefront of the Nations of the World.

In conclusion let me say that I have the profoundest admiration for former soldiers now in civilian life. No one can avoid giving to the soldier the homage to which his courage and utter lack of self interest entitle him. But for myself may I say that I hate the thought of War and the suffering it entails, both while the battles are being fought and at its harvest. I hope that Peace will reign with us forever.

To those who fought our battles during the War, and to those who are serving their country no less during these trying times, I send the greetings of the City of Edmonton.



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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL GRIESBACH

THE HON. SENATOR W. A. GRIESBACH, C.B, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., K.C.

The Imperial Veterans have asked me to write something for the publication now before you. I gladly do so.

This great Empire of ours was won by the sword and is held by the sword. This is a great truth which is some times lost sight of. The reason for that is that we have stressed the fact that we have given liberty, law and justice to four hundred millions of people who but for us would now be living in a state of war, oppression and barbarism. This in simple terms is the use we have made of our conquests. Consideration of the latter facts causes us to forget the former. I say we hold the Empire by the sword. Not that we hold our conquests in subjection but rather that we hold them against those who would take them from us if they dared.

In this great task the Imperial soldier and sailor has been the instrument. Some times in the forefront and at other times discreetly in the background but always present. It is he who has risked life and limb to carry forward the enormous work of civilization, planting the flag and keeping it flying in the seven seas. As Kipling puts it, "he has salted the Empire with his bones." He is the pacificator and conciliator, the ambassador of British power and all things else for which British power stands. It is a curious thing that no British garrison has ever marched from any place without leaving friends behind. This was true even of Cologne in Germany. Lords Roberts and Kitchener paid handsome tribute to the British soldier for his conduct in the years following the Boer war and the result was that twelve years later his former foes were fighting on his side and British forces were commanded by Boer Generals—Smutz and Van de Venter in German East Africa.

Quietly and unobtrusively these mighty men of valour or a segment of them have slipped into the life of our own community and have established their own organization. They have in a peculiar degree the wholehearted good wishes of every other sort of soldier. From the Imperial we get our organization, equipment and establishments. In all ranks we pattern ourselves on our opposite numbers in the British army. More valuable and more precious than all else we inherit from him traditions of courage, fortitude, generosity and chivalry built up on service in every part of the globe these last five hundred years and finally there is K.R. and O. the soldiers' bible, upon which scores of orderly room clerks have risen to opulance and power and great generals and regimental sergeants major have been made humble and lowly.

The Edmonton Branch of the Imperial Veterans go about their business quietly and efficiently as befits their ancestry and profession. They play their part, they do their bit and should any great crisis or emergency arise they will be "Johnny on the spot." Its a comforting thought.

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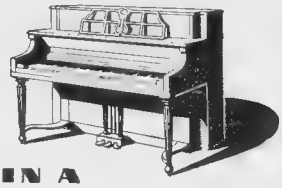

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Col. T. C. Sims, V.D.

Our President, Colonel T. C. Sims, V.D., known to his friends as T. C. was born at Blackheath, London, England. Was educated at a private preparatory school with a view to entering the service. Nearing the time when he would have entered military college, for private reasons, his plans were changed and it was decided that he should enter commercial life, but that did not suit young Sims as he had set his mind on being in the service. In 1891, without saying a word to anybody, he left home and joined the Navy. Qualified diver, gunnery, torpedo and gymnasium instructor. Came to Canada in 1906. On the organization of the Edmonton Fusiliers in 1908 Colonel Sims joined as a private, was soon promoted to Color Sergeant Instructor of Musketry. Was granted his commission of 1913.

Went overseas with the 9th battalion, serving with the 1st battalion in France. At the battle of Givenchy was blown up and very seriously injured, and is still suffering today from that injury. Was attached to Headquarters, London, England.

Returned from overseas in November, 1919.

On the reorganization of the Edmonton Fusiliers, under Colonel Anderson, in the early part of 1920 Colonel Sims took command of B. Company and on the retirement of Colonel Anderson took over the command of the Regiment. Later taking over the command of the 29th Infantry Brigade and the Edmonton Garrison.

Since Colonel Sims returned from overseas he has been very active in all ex-servicemen's affairs, holding office in the following organizations:

Chairman of the Canteen Funds Board.

Chairman of the Education of Soldiers' Children Act.

Chairman Poppy Fund (Edmonton Branch).

Hon. Vice-President of the Canadian Legion (Provincial Command).

Trustee Last Post Fund.

Life Member of the Canadian Legion, Edmonton Branch.

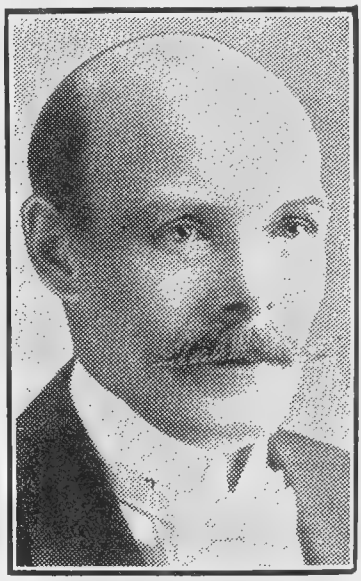
Trustee, Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, Edmonton.

Past President of the Red Chevron Club.

Member of the Soldiers' Assistance Commission.

Soldier Member of the Canadian Red Cross Society, etc.

In his "spare time" (?) Colonel Sims is interested in football and lawn bowling.



Sgt. G. E. Cottle
Vice-President

Enlisted in First or Grenadier Regiment of Foot Guards, November 13th, 1903. Was posted to 1st Battalion of the regiment and served for eight years with the Colors. During that period he took part in many state functions outstanding amongst which were the funeral of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, 1904. various guards of honor on the occasion of the visits of

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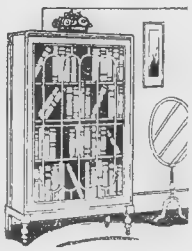

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various Crowned heads of Europe. He was one of the 100 men specially chosen to watch over the body of the Late King Edward the Seventh; for which he was decorated by his Late Majesty King George V. Took part in various functions pertaining to the Ascension of King George V. In November, 1911, was transferred to the Army Reserve, obtained permission and came to Canada. He has made his home in Edmonton up to this date. Upon the outbreak of war, August, 1914, was recalled from the Army Reserve to again serve with his Regiment. Left Edmonton for England, August, 1914, and was re-posted to his old Battalion which was at that time preparing to leave England with the 7th Division British Expeditionary Force. Which division later became known as General Sir Henry Rawlinson's Flying Immortal Seventh. He, with his Battalion, landed at Zeebrugge, Belgium and immediately took part in the general outflanking movement which was at that time being executed in an attempt to prevent the forces of the Kaiser reaching the seaboard. This action thereafter resolved itself into what is now known as the First Battle of Ypres, October-November, 1914. He was thrice wounded during his brief stay at the front, once at Ypres, October 24th, 1914; again at Neuve Chapelle, and finally at Festubert when he was returned to England for repair. After a lengthy term in hospital he was permitted to visit his home in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, but owing to complications which affected his health and consequent fitness he was admitted into hospital in February, 1917, in Edmonton South Military Hospital. He remained a patient in that hospital until finally he was invalided from the service in September, 1917.

Being anxious to immediately re-establish himself he entered the Public Service of Alberta, April 1st, 1918, and has recently severed his connection after having completed nineteen years' public service. During this period he has become well known in all parts of Alberta.

Since his return from overseas he has always taken an active part in returned ex-servicemen's activities, and on its formation in 1917 he was the first ex-member of the Imperial Forces elected to serve on the Executive Committee of that Organization. He was President of the Old Imperial Association; President of the Old Contemptibles; both of which associations have since ceased to function and have been replaced by the present Dominion-wide organization known as the Imperial Veterans in Canada. He has served on various committees including the Executive Committee of the Local Branch. He was elected to the office of Vice-President of the Local in the fall of 1936, and continues to give his full attention to that office.

Our Vice-President extends greetings to all ex-members of the forces and is hopeful of again meeting any ex-member of His Majesty's Imperial Forces, whether or not they served in the Great War or any other campaign or were for various good reasons unable to take an active part in the services into which they enlisted voluntarily.

W. Hinshalwood

Our Secretary-Treasurer, (Bill) Hinshalwood, was born in Motherwell, Scotland, educated at Dalziel Public and Motherwell High Schools. Enlisted in June, 1909, in the R.E. (T) Field Coy., discharged, June, 1914. Re-enlisted 12th August, 1914, in R.E. (Signals) at Glasgow. Went to Aldershot, England, and took course in physical and bayonet training in May, 1915. When company embarked for Egypt was returned as instructor to form 2nd line.

Later went to France with a mobile cable section.

Invalided from front to No. 1 Canadian General Hospital, on being discharged from

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7.10-7.20 a.m.—Their Majesties return to Buckingham Palace.
10.45-11.00 a.m.—Peter Dawson, Baritone, singing from the B.B.C.
11.10-11.20 a.m.—Message from His Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir.
12.00 noon—His Majesty King George VI.
12.30-3.45 p.m.—Re-broadcast of the Coronation Service.
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Convalescent Camp, returned to signal base at Abbeville, France, was sent for refresher course to B.E.F. Headquarters, Gymns., and on completion of this course was requested to form gymnasium in the Signal Depot. This was the first occasion gymnasiums were used as a part of the training of the Signal Service, B.E.F., in France.

He was demobilized in December, 1918, and finally discharged in March, 1919. Landed in Canada, 1st November, 1920. Has resided in Edmonton for the past sixteen years. He has always been active in soldier affairs being at different periods connected with the Canadian Legion No. 24, the A. & N.V. Club, also the Ex-servicemen's Association.

Col. E. Brown, M.M., E.D.

Lieut. Col. E. Brown, M.M., E.D., Honorary Vice-President Edmonton Branch Imperial Veterans in Canada, Garrison Commandant, Edmonton. First served in 1908 with the 2nd Welsh Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, until coming to Canada in 1913. Proceeded overseas with the 1st Canadian Contingent, serving in France with the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade. Upon demobilization rejoined the Edmonton Fusiliers, which regiment he now commands. Has interested himself in returned men's affairs since 1918 and has recently been appointed manager of the Edmonton Branch No. 24, British Empire Service League, with headquarters in the Memorial Hall.

The Coronation of their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth has special significance to members of the Imperial Veterans in Canada.

Majority of the personnel of this organization were serving in the Empire's armed forces when his Majesty's revered father, King George V, was crowned, and played a major part in the celebrations attending that historic event.

It is fitting, therefore, that ex-members of the Imperial Army, representatives of practically every unit of His Majesty's Air, Naval and Land Forces, now resident in Canada, should pay homage to their Majesties on Coronation Day, May 12th, 1937.

Though far removed from the land of their birth, these veterans of many wars have maintained their interest and allegiance to the principles of the Empire so nobly exampled by their Gracious Majesties.

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A MESSAGE FROM W. HINSHALWOOD, SECRETARY-TREASURER

Imperial Veterans in Canada—Edmonton Branch

The Imperial Veterans in Canada, Edmonton Branch, who have made possible this "Coronation Book," is an Association of Ex-Service Men, who, at some time, have served in the Navy, Army or Air Forces or Auxiliary Forces of Great Britain, and have been honorably discharged therefrom.

The Association is formed for the express purpose of improving the outlook and condition of its members by sane constitutional methods. The body is non-political, non-sectarian and loyal to the Empire and the ideals for which we fought.

In the past years Imperial Veterans have affiliated themselves with the various ex-service bodies throughout the Dominion and those organizations have done all in their power to improve the lot of the ex-Imperial in Canada. I should be remiss in my duty if I did not at this time extend to them the sincere thanks of the Imperial Veterans for their co-operation at all times and we earnestly hope the same spirit may prevail as has previously animated us at all times.

Also on behalf of the Association I take great pleasure in thanking the Overseas Nursing Sisters Association and the ladies of the I.O.D.E. for the assistance rendered to us on numerous occasions.

The branch moved into its new headquarters in the Queens Hotel, Jasper Avenue, in May, 1936, as it was found office space was necessary for the proper conduct of the branch business, as we are continually in correspondence with authorities of the British and Canadian Governments regarding matters relative to Imperial Veteran affairs.

By making this move we severed no existing connection, neither can we take any credit for setting any precedent in this matter, as the Calgary Imperial Veterans have had their own club rooms for a number of years.

Our branch is steadily growing and with the larger membership there is an increasing amount of work in connection with it.

Every man in the Association is a bona-fide Imperial Veteran and to determine this, there is one ruling which is strictly adhered to, i.e., all making application for membership must produce discharge papers or a certified Record Office copy of same before his application can be considered.

The annual membership subscription of the Association is set at the lowest possible figure, so no one who can otherwise comply with the conditions above mentioned need be refused membership. The officers of the Association have always advocated qualification as the prior consideration for membership.

Officers are elected yearly all work done by them being voluntary and non-renumerative, thereby keeping working expenses at a minimum. Various activities are promoted from time to time as the main source of revenue to carry on our work.

The work of the branch consists of helping members establish claims for pensions, hospitalization, appeals and various other phases where adjustments are necessary, to the ex-Imperial.

Constant correspondence with Imperial Veteran Branches throughout the Dominion incurs further work, in a country where so much moving around is done by individuals, requests come from coast to coast regarding information or evidence to forward some case in which one of our recent members has now affiliated himself with some other branch of the Association. Co-operation such as this is very gratifying to all concerned.

We have delegates in all representations made in the co-operative work of ex-soldier bodies in the city, including representatives on a Contact Committee, composed of delegates from all ex-service bodies in the city designed to bring to the notice of Provincial and Civic authorities any ex-service matters necessary. This joint committee avoids all duplicating of action and was formed by request of the last Provincial Government to expedite all such matters.

The Imperial ex-service man's aspect of

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the case was also made by us to the War Veterans' Assistance Commission on their visit here.

The President of the Branch, Lt. Col. T. C. Sims, V.D., is acting on the local War Veterans' Assistance Committee, as one who at all times has been active in affairs connection with ex-service men.

We are also represented on the Coronation Committee composed of delegates from all interested bodies in Edmonton to draft a programme for celebration on this momentous occasion.

Establishing of Pension claims is a problem which necessitates a large amount of work and correspondence, owing to distance and other factors much time is often lost before a satisfactory conclusion can be attained. This can be better understood when I say the British Pensions authorities never see the applicant, hence all decisions are based on records only.

As the British Ministry of Pensions Representative at Ottawa is permanently stationed there, all branches of the Association throughout Canada are strenuously pressing for a change of the present system. Imperial pensioners can be hospitalized by the Canadian Pensions Medical Authorities for the pensionable disability, if they find that disability has become greater, they may recommend a higher rate of pension, to the British Ministry of Pensions Representative. But they have no power to put the recommendation into force.

Canadian ex-servicemen can still open a new claim for a disability pension. Canada humanely realized that after effects of war service would probably show on men in years to come and they realizing this have left the Pension Act open to anyone with a logical claim. Not so with the British Pensions Act, the deadline of which is 31st August, 1928; though in very isolated cases and only if one can convince the British Pensions Ministry that the case is absolutely concrete will they probably give a hearing, naturally these cases are few and far between.

Imperials who came to Canada shortly after the cessation of hostilities feeling physically fit have found in later years to their dismay they are suffering disabilities that have matured sufficiently to partially or totally incapacitate them, thereby throwing the onus for their sustenance on the different Canadian Government and Municipal authorities. One of the unceasing demands of the Imperial Veterans in Canada is that the Imperial Government establish Medical Boards accessible to all Imperial Veterans who can present justifiable cases for consideration. One can understand the reasonableness of such a demand when one considers that T.B. and respiratory cases, heart and nervous strains, etc., are directly traceable to war service, and pensionable recognized disabilities that have now come to the stage when the compensation is unquestionably incomparable to the disability these are things that should be looked into by the authorities responsible.

The Imperial Veterans claim, in the main, that the only responsible authority is the British Government. If we are successful in convincing them of our just demands, Canada will be relieved financially and Imperials throughout the Dominion would be grateful for the recognition now long overdue.

The plight of many of the Veterans who saw service in campaigns previous to that of 1914-18 has been taken up with the authorities concerned. Though aged and disabled these men cannot benefit from any present legislation pertaining to Veterans so the Imperial Veterans Branches from coast to coast are drawing attention of the authorities to this state of affairs. Men in this category (a majority of whom are citizens of Canada for periods of 25 years, more or less) cannot benefit through the War Veterans Allowance Act and are not old enough to receive the Old Age Pension but are well past the stage of industrial competition. What is left for them? I ask.

Quoting from the Interim Report by the "War Veterans' Assistance Commission," to Hon. C. G. Power, M.C., K.C., Minister of Department of Pensions and National Health, Ottawa (page 2).—

"The situation of the Imperial Veterans in Canada is one that gives grave concern to those who have a close knowledge of the conditions."

(Page 3) "The more restricted pension regulations of Great Britain have also aggravated the situation in regard to satisfactory adjustment of pension claims and hospital treament of these Imperials."

The social work of the Association is not forgotten, on various occasions the members children and wives have been their guests.

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The Field Day, held in Borden Park, was a very enjoyable day. Races, tug-of-war, etc., with the usual delights suitable for such an occasion dear to the heart of children and tea and coffee for their parents, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc., made a real picnic. Prizes for races were also given to winning competitors, of all ages. From the proceeds of a "Festive Dance" we were able to obtain our objective, thanks to the loyal support of the citizens of Edmonton given to us on this occasion, of giving a real Christmas Tree for all members' children. The Tree with all its trimmings was set up at the Headquarters on 28th December, at 2.30 p.m. Children numbering 180 with their mothers and friends had a really good time. A variety programme, community singing and the afternoon was away to a good start. Refreshments of all kinds were served during the afternoon, the climax of course, being Santa Claus who gave out prizes to all children, bringing a wonderful afternoon to a highly satisfactory conclusion at 6 p.m.

When I say the dance itself was not held until the next day it will be seen that a good deal of confidence in the support of the community was justified.

The Headquarters of the Local Branch is in the Queens Hotel, Jasper Avenue, where visitors will be welcome any day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We shall be very happy to see out-of-town Imperials any time they are in the city whether members or not.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The Rev. J. H. Faulkner, Ex-Gunner, No. 25424, R.G.A.

Comrades all:

I take a peculiar pleasure in adding my few words to the Coronation Magazine of the Imperial Veterans in Canada, Edmonton.

I think this is primarily because I am truly one of yourselves, my twelve years should qualify me, three of which I was in the Boer War on different fronts, armoured trains and so on. I know you and some of your problems; we are not heroes, now, but a number of men, growing a little weary, and a little grey, perhaps more than a little discouraged. Some with a family for whom they can make no good provision, many with the realization that the years find them becoming more unfit by reason of past service in tropical climates, yet not ready to "fall out" but still anxious to "carry on."

We S. African men are all around the 60 mark and try to carry on, yet I know we feel somewhat out of date. Great War men have been in the spotlight (and rightly so) but it has left us away in the "rear rank." But now we have an Association that takes account of all ex-Imperial men regardless of war service, age and disability.

Therefore I feel that it is not only a duty but a real privilege for us all of all ranks and of any age, who have been in the "Colors" to unitedly move forward; as one we shall have a voice that will be heard on behalf of the less fortunate and those without adequate means of support. There are some things that could be done for our comrades that have never been given consideration. Perhaps they are a problem, yet it should be suggested to the proper quarters that the problem was not a self made one but one that has been created by national emergency and for which the Empire should make provision.

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Visitors of commercial bent will find much to engage their attention. They can investigate the possibilities of investment in the farming industry—lands in the Edmonton District or famous Peace River country can be purchased at a figure which represents an adequate and sure return upon all capital invested. Stock-raising and feeding in connection with the grain-handling industry at Edmonton have received great impetus during the last few years, and is still open for further development. Feed of all kinds is abundant, and screenings from the elevators and there is practically no limit to the number of stock that can be fed around Edmonton. The vast coal deposits, timber limits, natural gas, lake fisheries, and commercial openings in the city itself, all await the touch of capital, and business and pleasure may well be combined in their investigation. The oil fields at the Turner Valley and Wainwright, with their proven wells, are securing notice throughout the continent, and none can say how great may be the riches which these fields will eventually yield.

Appended are some pertinent facts as to the commercial and other activities of Edmonton—

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HISTORICAL TABLOIDS OF EDMONTON

1794—Old Fort Edmonton and old Fort Augustus founded by Hudson's Bay Company and North West Fur Company at mouth of Sturgeon River, 25 miles below present site of Edmonton.

1807—The above Forts destroyed by Blood Indians.

1808—New Fort Edmonton and New Fort Augustus built on present site of Edmonton City.

1810—Above forts abandoned for new fort 125 miles down Saskatchewan River, called White Earth House.

1819—Fort Edmonton re-established.

1825—Chief Factor John Rowand placed in charge and built an elaborate fort with stockade 20 feet high, with bastions and cannons. Chief Factor's house known as "Rowand's Folly"—largest establishment west of York Factory.

1841—Sir George Simpson visits Edmonton—welcomed by eight Blackfeet Chiefs, who implored him to "grant that their horses might always be swift, that the buffalo might instantly abound, and that their women might live long and always look young."

1848—Paul Kane, famous Canadian artist, visits fort and paints beautiful half-breed girl—"Cunnewabum, the girl who looks at the stars."

1858-59—Captain John Palliser and James Hector, of Palliser Expedition, visit Edmonton for guides to cross Rocky Mountains in search of a railway pass. Lord Southesk visits Edmonton on hunting trip to Rocky Mountains.

1862-63—Lord Milton and Dr. Cheadle visit Edmonton on way to Caribou for Royal Geographical Society.

1871—Rev. George McDougall, Methodist Missionary, builds mission on site of present McDougall Church—modern Edmonton begins.

1872—Sanford Fleming, C.E., and Principal Grant, John Macoun and Horetsky, reach Edmonton—on first transcontinental railway survey via Yellowhead Pass.

1784—Mounted Police, under Superintendent Jarvis and Sergeant-Major Sam Steele, reached Fort Edmonton and winter at Fort.

1876—Mail service established with Fort Garry.

1881—Frank Oliver establishes that little giant of a newspaper—"The Bulletin."

1885—Half-breeds' and Indians' Rebellion breaks out in North West. Edmonton gets a thrill reminiscent of Indian war days at the post.

1891—C.P.R. reaches North Saskatchewan River, opposite Edmonton.

1892—Town of Edmonton incorporated—Mat. McCauley, first Mayor.

1897—Edmonton fills with thousands of gold seekers bound for the Klondike.

1904—Edmonton incorporated as a City—Wm. Short, first City Mayor.

1905—Edmonton made capital of Alberta. Inauguration Day, September 1, 1905. Canadian Northern Railway built into Edmonton—our first transcontinental.

1912—Edmonton and Strathcona, rival cities, unite as Greater Edmonton.

1914—10,000 men enlisted in Great War.

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CANADIAN LEGION, B.E.S.L.

W. R. McLaren, President

As President of the Edmonton Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. (Alta. 24), it is my privilege to briefly outline the work of the Canadian Legion in Canada, particularly in the City of Edmonton.

At the inaugural conference held in South Africa in 1921 the British Empire Service League was brought into being by our late Commander in Chief, Earl Haig, Field Marshall, who was the first Grand President, and who said, "The British Empire Service League was formed primarily for the benefit of the Ex-Servicemen of the Empire; to act as a connecting link between the Ex-Service organizations of the Old Land and of the Dominions and Colonies overseas; to provide a centre for exchange of experiences, information, and ideas, and to co-ordinate (as far as possible) efforts for the betterment of ex-servicemen, which were being carried on independently (and therefore with much waste of energy) by a great number of separate societies in all parts of the Empire."

Subsequent to this date in the year 1925 Earl Haig visited Canada for the purpose of organizing the Canadian Legion and was met with that degree of enthusiasm which brought into being the Canadian Legion which has since functioned as the only legislative body of Ex-Servicemen in the Dominion, acting as the Canadian Unit of this great organization.

Since that time it has continued to operate for the benefit of ex-servicemen, and has strived for the unity of ex-servicemen in this City. The Memorial Hall is recognized as one of the finest club rooms in Canada and we extend to all ex-servicemen in the City an invitation to become members of this great organization and assist us in the maintenance of this spacious structure wich the citizens of Edmonton so generously donated.

The Edmonton Branch is also proud of the fact that in the year 1919 the corner stone was laid by the Prince of Wales, the present Duke of Windsor on one of the finest sites, if not the finest of any city in Canada.

The British Empire Service League has been characterized by the Prince of Wales, its patron as the Biggest Organization which exists. It has branches in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Malaya, Burma, Mauritius, Shanghai, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Newfoundland, India, Rhodesia, Sierra Leone, British Guiana, Ceylon, Nigeria and Nyasaland. Consequently the Canadian Legion is a member of an organization which spans the greater part of the British Empire. Membership is drawn from ex-servicemen in all walks of life, and the activities of the branches are as varied as one would expect from an organization of this kind.

In addition to the direct service which the Legion has afforded to the individual ex-servicemen, the Dominion organization has been particularly active in the legislative field, guarding the interests of the men generally by having favourable legislation placed on the statute books and warding off laws which might react to the detriment of the men who served overseas. It has brought evidence before many royal commissions showing the Government the difficulties under which ex-servicemen labor. The Legion was particularly active in securing the Hyndman Commission and in presenting the case of the unemployed veteran to the commission once it was organized. The formation of the Commission came almost directly as a result of the preliminary work done by the various Legion branches showing that the unemployed veteran presented a special problem in the depression years.

The Legions presentation of the problems of Imperial ex-servicemen in Canada has been termed by the B.E.S.L., to which body a brief was prepared and submitted by the Dominion President General A. E. Ross, as the finest and most comprehensive exposition of the case for Imperials ever presented.

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RED CHEVRON CLUB

By A. E. Nightingale

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The Edmonton Red Chevron Club is now entering upon its twentieth year of its existence. Founded in the fall of 1917, the Edmonton Club was the first of its kind in Canada. There are now Red Chevron Clubs in most of the larger cities of the Dominion.

On looking back over the past twenty years, one might reflect—has it been worth while? Has this club accomplished what it set out to do? Has it justified its existence?

Why was the Red Chevron Club founded? Primarily it was to hold together and perpetuate the comradeship and friendships formed during the early days of the Great War. Its membership was—First, to include only those men who served in Canada's first contingent, but it was quickly decided to invite those Imperials who were serving with their regiments in all branches of the the Service in 1914. A large number responded and that association has been maintained ever since.

At the outset it was decided to hold a monthly meeting and smoker; to hold an annual banquet on the anniversary of the second battle of Ypres; and to hold a church parade and at least one picnic each year, and all this has been carried out with great success.

The monthly meetings are very well attended. Invariably there is a speaker, usually a member, who gives an interesting talk of his experiences in his own particular branch of the Service. Men who served with Infantry, Navy, Artillery, the Tanks, Army Service Corps, etc. Imperials and Canadians, all have a most interesting story to tell. Also a guest speaker is occasionally invited.

From a social point of view the club has certainly been worth while.

In addition the Red Chevron Club has performed at least two very important civic services. Some years ago the club was approached by a local Boy Scout official in an effort to arouse interest in that splendid movement, which at that time was in a rather low state. The club took hold and assumed responsibility for Boy Scout welfare in this city and district; several thousands were raised, a grand massed rally for boys was held in the Prince of Wales Armories, troops were formed, scoutmasters appointed, and as they qualified hundreds of boys were fully equipped with their "uniforms" and later badges. As a grand climax a massed camp was held which was probably the largest of its kind ever held in Western Canada. For this work the Red Chevron Club received the personal thanks of the Chief Scout of Canada, Dr. Robertson.

More recently the Red Chevron Club's part in the creation of the Edmonton Cenotaph is too well known to require much comment. Without question, it is to the credit of this club that Edmonton has today a momument to its great war dead of which any city might be proud. It should have been done years ago.

These things have been accomplished because of the quality of the membership of the Edmonton Club. Irrespective of rank or service, the members maintain their association in absolute harmony and friendship. They have complete confidence in the officers they select and each member is willing to do his share whenever called upon.

This year a representative of the Navy has been selected to head the Club, Chief Petty Officer Cross of the R.C.N.V.R. The "Skipper" takes hold with confidence, knowing he will have the support and co-operation of every member.

This opportunity is taken to extend greetings and good wishes to all members of the Imperial Veterans Association of Canada in Edmonton, and to wish the Association every success.

ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS IN CANADA

Following the Crimean War a number of officers and men of both services who had served in that war took their discharges in Halifax, Nova Scotia, then an Imperial garrison. Feeling the urge for comradship, probably needing assistance in civil life and not unlikely looking for a quiet spot where not too well domesticated "old hands" could escape from too much domesticity and have a smoke, a spot of beer and a quiet "chew the rag" with another understanding soul—the first Army and Navy Veterans unit came into existence. This was about 1860.

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From 1870 to 1880 Imperial garrisons were gradually withdrawn from the interior of Canada and in 1901 to 1906 the Imperial Army and Navy had wholly withdrawn leaving Canada on its own in the matter of defence. The Imperial Army and Navy left behind them great works and fortifications which still stand, namely the Rideau Canal, $42,000,000; defences of Quebec and Kingston, $40,000,000; defences of Halifax and Esquimalt running into many millions of dollars. Halifax was then known as the Gibraltar of North America. Esquimalt was a fortified base and coaling station of the first magnitude. Canada in those days had thousands of old soldiers scattered throughout the population. These old soldiers were augmented from time to time by men who served in the Fenian Raids, the Red River Rebellion of 1870, the Egyptian campaign of 1884, the North West Rebellion of 1885 and eight thousand men who had served in the Boer war of 1899 to 1902, to say nothing of these old soldiers of the Imperial army who in those days were constantly emigrating to Canada.

In those early days each unit stood by itself, there was no national organization. The units called themselves by different names. In Edmonton we had the South African Veterans Association and later the United Services Club which went off to the Great War in a body. It was not until 1915 that it began to appear necessary to organize on a national basis and as a result of a convention held in Winnipeg it was decided to procure an Act of Parliament to incorporate the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada which will be found in the Statutes of 1917. This organization is the only organization of its kind which has behind it a statute of the Parliament of Canada. All the independent units came in save one—His Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans, at Hamilton, Ontario—and this unit finally joined up in 1926 or thereabouts with three hundred and fifty members. Now the organization has branches or units as they are called in every considerable town and city in Canada.

From its Imperial founders the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada has inherited certain fundamental principles. It accepts no grants or assistance from Governmental bodies and thereby retains its rugged individuality and freedom of action. It is non-political and non-sectarian. Loyalty to King and Country are taken for granted. The conception of a united Empire is a cardinal belief and support of ordered government and tested institutions is a first charge on all members. The A. & N.V. does not proselytize. It maintains no paid organizers. New units come into existence spontaneously and are chartered by the Dominion Command when one hundred eligible and worthy men sign the necessary application forms.

The Ladies' Auxiliary consists of mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of men eligible to join the A. & N.V. and works principally for women and children who are dependent upon or related to ex-members of the forces. The work of the Edmonton Ladies' Auxiliary to the A. & N.V. is particularly outstanding. They annually distribute about $2,000 and render many other valuable services such as women only can.

In the last twelve years the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada has distributed to various veterans charities some $2,000,000 which included $10,000 to the Amputation Association, $10,000 to the Blind Association, $5,000 to the League of Nations Society and other grants to deserving organizations. Each unit maintains a benevolent fund and distribution is made to needy ex-service men whether members of our organization or not.

In its long and honourable career there have been ups and downs—here and there units have fallen by the way but else where new units have sprung up and growth has been constant. The motto of the Army and Navy Veterans is "Shoulder to shoulder." This is what the old soldier and sailor wants. It is to be hoped that he will always find it in the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada.

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The Edmonton Branch of the Amputation Association of the Great War wish to extend a hearty greeting to the Edmonton Branch of the Imperial Veterans in Canada, and we appreciate the opportunity of having our greeting appear in your Souvenir Coronation Book.

May the forthcoming Coronation festivity further strengthen the unity of War Veterans.

E. J. Scammell, President.
H. E. Floen, Secretary-Treasurer.

IMPERIAL ORDER DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, to extend the greetings and best wishes of all its members to the Imperial Veterans Association for the success of their Souvenir Booklet.

The close association of both of these organizations has I know led to a fair appreciation, by each, of the merits of the other, and from the Daughters of the Empire is always held the hope that the many difficulties which have beset the path of the Imperial Veterans in Canada may be eliminated and the proper attention be given by the proper authorities to their many deserving cases.

Founded in 1900 by Mrs. Clarke Murray of Montreal the "I.O.D.E." as it is commonly known, was to be and still is a patriotic organization. The prevailing idea has always been, that any activity in the Local, National or Imperial life which will assist in raising the standard of citizenship in the British Empire is worthy of support by its members. Hence Chapters throughout Canada, Newfoundland, Bermuda, the Bahamas and India with its affiliated organization, "The Victoria League," in England, Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand and the "Daughters of the British Empire" in the United States, are all to be found supporting schemes which promote education in all its forms, including the Arts; the promotion of good-will and better understanding, not only in the British Empire and the United States, but among the human family generally.

The betterment of health conditions for children particularly, and the care of those who are handicapped, whether from age or affliction. The assistance of those men and women who have made sacrifice on behalf of the Empire has always been given a place in its work and, it is certain, always will.

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The Edmonton Unit of the Overseas Nursing Sisters' Association was formed for the purpose of keeping in closer touch with the members, wherever they are, and so that the "War Days" would not be forgotten. It is celebrating its 17th Annual Birthday on April 10th, at the Macdonald Hotel. Mrs. J. O. Baker, B.R.C., M. de E., will be hostess.

At the annual meeting held at the home of Mrs. Orr, the preceding years work was reviewed. There were nine monthly meetings held at members homes and a Remembrance Day dinner was held at the Macdonald Hotel, with thirty sisters present. Activities of the year consisted of visiting sick members of the Club; placing flowers on the graves of nursing sisters in the Edmonton cemetery; contributing and canvassing for the Edmonton Cenotaph Fund; selling poppies on Remembrance Day; placing a wreath on the cenotaph at the unveiling by the Governor General, also a poppy wreath on Remembrance Day; attending four Memorial Services; contributing to the Florence Nightingale Memorial Fund; distributing Christmas cheer to soldiers' families and distributing magazines, cigarettes, games and playing cards to Imperial Canadian soldiers.

Miss Christine McKay was a delegate to Victoria to the bi-annual meeting of the All National. Individual members were very active in the Nursing Organization, V.O.N., I.O.D.E., Girl Guides, and the Canadian Handicraft Guild.

Officers for the year are: Mrs. C. E. McManus, president; Miss F. Munro, vice-president; Mrs. M. Berry, treasurer, and Mrs. A. Tayler, secretary. There are thirty town members, eight associate members, and an average monthly attendance of twenty.

Invitations are extended to sisters passing through or visiting Edmonton. Loss of membership to our Association of our past president and secretary, Mrs. G. S. Stewart, who has gone to Victoria to live.

B. F. Tayler,

Secretary, O.N.S.A.

ALL IMPERIAL RE-UNION AND CONVENTION

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Greetings to all Imperial's in the West. Your Brantford comrades cordially invite you to attend the first ALL IMPERIAL RE-UNION and CONVENTION being held in this city July 31st, Aug. 1st and 2nd. This convention is of the greatest importance to all Imperial's, be sure to send delegates, and also do your best to attend yourselves to enjoy the comradeship of the first ALL IMPERIAL RE-UNION. A good time promised to all.

All comrades interested apply to either: B. Roshier, 48 Lyons Avenue, Brantford, or D. T. Pullen, 79 Forest Avenue, St. Thomas.

Remember, former members of your old battalion will be hear to greet you. Come on the West—on to BRANTFORD.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Edmonton Ex-Service Men's Association had its inception during the summer of 1931; coming into being at that time, not according to any preconceived plan, but rather of spontaneous origin, arriving out of the necessity for immediate concerted action to cope with a situation of national emergency in the form of wide-spread unemployment, which had descended on the country, we might say over night, judging by the rapidity of the change that took place from the 1929 boom (with an all time peak of productivity, to a comparative standstill by 1931).

Needless to say a major collapse of the general structure in this way brought about a situation and a large proportion of the men (who were entirely dependent on their labour or earning power for their livelihood) were face to face with dire want.

The Ex.-Service Men (who in past times of great emergency and stress had been welded together by a bond of fraternity in the face of death itself, a bond that words cannot explain, but that can only be understood by those who have been through some ordeal, standing shoulder to shoulder) finding themselves confronted by this emergency of unemployment were naturally drawn together by this magnet of fraternity and the law of self-preservation.

Meetings were held at which a programme of action was drawn up and a huge parade which marched to the Legislative Buildings

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for the purpose of impressing upon the Governments of the day the necessity for immediate action in the form of public works to provide these men with the opportunity of a livelihood.

These efforts were successful in having the major Governments undertake and commence work on the Jasper-Banff scenic highway, a project which provided employment for several hundred single ex-service men during the winter of 1931-32. While the initial efforts of the organization were largely concerned with single men who on account of being unencumbered were presumed by the authorities to be in a better position to eke out the smaller amount necessary to take care of themselves. The case of the married men with dependents was also a problem of no less importance but which presented itself from more varied angles, each requiring special attention to cope with. So from this spontaneous beginning and arising out of a realization of the magnitude and permanence of the problem it soon became apparent to the members of the Association that it was necessary to put our plans on a more permanent basis and be prepared for a long seige rather than a major skirmish. Thus, armed with the lessons of past experiences (which had not been rosy) but possessed of a first hand knowledge of the problems as they confronted those who were directly affected (this latter qualification being lacking by the chartered ex-service organizations owing to their members, for the most part, being still in possession of their jobs).

The Association was successful in marshalling together a group of officers, several of whom were keen students of economics and all of whom were imbued with a willingness to place any knowledge or ability they possessed to the service of their comrades; they were also determined at all costs to see that human welfare was not sacrificed or made to take second place to a financial economy. In keeping with these principles, and in order to intelligently proceed in the general direction to the attainment of our objects and to avoid being led off on tangents, a broad, general Constitution was drawn up and adopted that clearly set out the aims, objects and principles of the Association, together with rules of order and provisions for sub-dividing the various phases of the work among different standing committees. Certain broad yet definite general policies were adopted and all action of a minor nature were at all times kept in conformity with these main policies. Thus the Association has been able to keep steadily on in pursuit of its objects and at the same time to nip in the bud many brainstorms that would but serve to dissipate its efforts.

To sum up, The Ex-Service Men's Association has now developed into an organization which specializes in the unemployment problem whose purpose it is to promote and safeguard the welfare of its members, by collective bargaining and other recognized lawful methods, and to co-operate with any other ex-service organizations that are working for the benefit of ex-service men.

To enumerate the many matters we have been able to handle would be beyond the scope of this article, but suffice it to say, by these methods and a rigid policy of fair dealing and straightforwardness we have been successful in establishing many valued contacts and a reputation of which we are somewhat proud.

At this time of the Coronation of our Sovereign and Queen, we take this opportunity to pledge to their Royal Majesties, our loyalty and extend our sincere good wishes for their personal welfare and may they enjoy a long and peaceful reign.

To the Imperial Veterans, under whose sponsorship this Coronation Souvenir is issued, and to all veterans organizations of the City, we extend greetings on this significant occasion, and may our mutual relations continue to improve and expand.

S. PARSONS, President.
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1216-1272—Henry III.
1272-1307—Edward I.
1307-1327—Edward II.
1327-1377—Edward III.
1377-1399—Richard II, (Richard of Bordeaux).
1399-1413—Henry IV, (First of the Lancastrians).
1413-1422—Henry V.
1422-1461—Henry VI.
1461-1483—Edward IV, (First of the Yorkists).
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1483-1485—Richard III.
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1689-1702—William III.
1702-1714—Queen Anne.
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1760-1820—George III.
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